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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. These references were cited in the International Search Report for GUNNELS et al. WO 97-15111, a copy of whose **A2** publication was received by the PTO on 26 AUG. 2002. Applicants obtained a copy of the **A3** publication (i.e. including the International Search Report) **after** 26 AUG. 2002 and thus the references cited therein came to the attention of Applicants. All of the references are in English, so their relevance will be readily apparent. Therefore, **this submission complies with MPEP § 609.**

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REMARKS

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

No fee is believed necessary; if any fee is needed, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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